

CWMAMMAN URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

THE ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1970.

TO/ THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE CWMAMMAN URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman and Members,

We herewith present our report on the Environmental Health of the Cwmamman Urban District for 1970.

During the period under review, some concern was felt with regard to the two residential caravan sites within the area. We are glad to report that with regard to one of these sites, its owner has made effort to raise the standards. However, we are still concerned by conditions existing at the other site.

While the area is not subject either to industrial, air, or other pollution, we feel that some members of the population are subject to heavy noise level, especially those who dwell adjacent to the Cwmamman Road, heavy vehicular traffic being the main cause.

As in the past years, the Authority continued with a forward housing programme, to the benefit of its populus, for as Members are no doubt aware, one of the corner stones of Public Health, is the sound satisfactory housing of a community. It is especially gladening to be aware that the elderly who have been rehoused will benefit from the high standard of heat comfort afforded by their new dwellings. In the private sector, advantage was taken of improvement grants, and during the year, twenty five premises were approved at a total cost of £25,844.

The Meals on Wheels service continued to function, thanks to the great effort of the voluntary helpers who were responsible for the distribution service. It is hoped that the future may see an extension of this service.

Statutory services for the twelve month period were maintained by the Local Authority in an efficient and satisfactory manner.

At this point, notwithstanding that this is a joint report, I as your Medical Officer, would like to express to you the pleasure I have received from working in the area during my first full year of office.

In conclusion, we would like to thank Council Members for their support during the past twelve months, Mr. J. D. I. Evans, Clerk of the Council for his support and help during the period, and we would also like to thank other members of the staff for their assistance.

MARGARET STEANE.
Medical Officer of Health.

G. A. MAHONEY.
Surveyor/Public Health Inspector.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AND MILITARY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Director presents his report on the health of the community during the year 1970.

During the period under review, some progress was made with regard to the environmental control of the town. It was found that there was a need to take action, and a number of measures have been taken to reduce the pollution. However, we are still concerned by the pollution of the town.

While the town is not subject to air pollution, it is still a problem. It is not subject to air pollution, but it is still a problem. It is not subject to air pollution, but it is still a problem. It is not subject to air pollution, but it is still a problem.

As in the past years, the Director continued with a forward looking programme, to the benefit of the people. For as long as we have known, one of the main aims of the Council has been to improve the health of the community. It is especially pleasing to be able to say that the health of the community has improved during the year.

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Health services for the town have been maintained by the local authority in an efficient and satisfactory manner.

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In conclusion, we would like to thank Council Members for their support during the past twelve months. We are sure that the health of the community has improved during the year.

WILLIAM STANLEY
Medical Officer of Health

C. A. JONES
Secretary/Public Health Inspector

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Area of District - 756 acres.

Estimated Mid-year population 1970 - In Cwmamman - 4,090.

In England
and Wales - 48,987,700.

Number of persons/acre in Cwmamman - 5.41

Number of Council Houses - 277

Number of private dwellings - 1,100

Number of dwellings for the elderly - 33

Number of dwellings completed during 1970 :

(a) By the Council - 14

(b) By private builders - 2

Rateable Value - £67,857

Net product of a penny rate - £256.00

Number of burial grounds in Cwmamman - 5

None are owned by the Council.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

		Male	Female	Total	Carmarthenshire	England and Wales
Live Births	Legitimate	25	25	50	2,026	779,738
	Illegitimate		5	5	25	64,744
	Total	25	30	55	2,051	784,482
Still Births	Legitimate	1	0	1	30	1,297
	Total	1	0	1	30	10,241

POPULATION

The population of Cwmaman showed a slight rise over last year, an increase of forty persons.

Year	Cwmaman	Deaths	Births	Carmarthenshire	Wales
1964	4,200	N.A.	N.A.	-	-
1965	4,200	N.A.	N.A.	-	-
1966	4,160	65	33	-	-
1967	4,130	50	46	-	-
1968	4,090	58	45	-	-
1969	4,050	67	38	163,600	2,723,000
1970	4,090	55	55	164,300	2,734,000

STILL BIRTH RATE

	Cwmaman	Carmarthenshire	England & Wales
Still births per 1,000 total live & still births	16	20	15

NATIONAL MORTALITY RATE

It is pleasing to report that there were no deaths involving free childbirth or pregnancy in 1970.

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BIRTHS

		Male	Female	Total	Carmarthenshire	England and Wales.
Live Births	Legitimate	25	25	50	2,066	719,738
	Illegitimate	-	5	5	93	64,744
	Total	25	30	55	2,159	784,482
Still Births	Legitimate	1	0	1	38	9,297
	Illegitimate	0	0	0	5	1,044
	Total	1	0	1	43	10,341
Total Live and Still Births	Legitimate	26	30	56	2,104	729,035
	Illegitimate	0	5	5	98	65,788
	Total	26	30	56	2,202	794,823

LIVE BIRTH RATE, ETC.

	Cwmamman	Carmarthenshire	England and Wales
Live births per 1,000 home population (Crude Rate)	13.4	13.1	16.0
Area comparability Factor	1.14	1.09	1.00
Local Adjusted Rate	15.3	14.3	16.0
Ratio of Local adjusted rate to national rate	0.96	0.89	1.00
Illegitimate live births as a percentage of all live births	9.00	4.0	8.0

STILL BIRTH RATE

	Cwmamman	Carmarthenshire	England & Wales.
Still births per 1,000 total live & still births	18	20	13

MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE

It is pleasing to report that there were no deaths resulting from childbirth or pregnancy in 1970.

DEATHS IN 1970

	Male	Female	Total	Carmarthenshire	England and Wales
All ages	36	19	55	2,418	575,208

DEATH RATES ETC. ALL AGES.

	Cwmamman	Carmarthenshire	England & Wales
Deaths per 1000 home population (Crude Rate)	13.4	14.7	11.7
Area comparability factor	1.01	1.00	1.00
Local Adjusted rate	13.5	14.7	11.7
Ratio of Local adjusted rate to national rate	1.16	1.26	1.00

55 deaths occurred in Cwmamman in 1970 - twelve fewer than in 1969.

Of the 55, 23 occurred between the ages of 65 and 74 years, and 19 occurred at the age of 75 years or over.

27 deaths occurred from cardio vascular causes, i.e. 49.09% of all deaths.

There were 9 deaths from malignant neoplasms, i.e. 16.36% of all deaths. There was one death from carcinoma of the lung.

CAUSES OF DEATH 1970

ALL AGES.

Cause of Death	Male	Female	Total
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	1	0	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	0	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	0	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	1	0	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	0	2	2
Other Malignant Neoplasms	1	2	3
Diabetis Mellitus	1	1	2
Other diseases of nervous system	2	0	2
Hypertensive Disease	2	2	4
Ischaemic Heart Disease	8	4	12
Other forms of heart disease	2	2	4
Cerebro-vascular disease	2	3	5
Other diseases of circulatory system	1	1	2
Pneumonia	2	0	2
Bronchitis and Emphysema	1	0	1
Other diseases of respiratory system	4	0	4
Cirrhosis of Liver	2	0	2
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	0	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	0	1
Other diseases Genito urinary system	1	0	1
Congenital anomalies	1	0	1
Birth Injury - Difficult labour	1	0	1
All other accidents	1	0	1
Total all cases	36	19	55

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

MEASLES.

MONTH	Male	Female	Total
January	0	0	0
February	0	1	1
March	1	0	1
April	5	2	7
May	10	7	17
June	4	3	7
July	18	12	30
August	0	0	0
September	4	4	8
October	0	0	0
November	0	0	0
December	2	1	3
Total	44	30	74

INFECTIVE HEPATITIS

Two cases of Infectious Hepatitis were reported during the year, one male and one female, both children.

FOOD POISONING

No cases of food poisoning were reported during the year.

INFLUENZA.

Cwmaman was involved in the Influenza epidemic which started in November 1969, continued into 1970 reaching a peak in the second week of January and falling off rapidly in February and March. The majority of these cases were caused by Virus A of strains similar to the A2/Hong Kong/68 variant. No residents died from this illness.

TUBERCULOSIS.

No cases of Tuberculosis were reported during 1970.

IMMUNISATION.

The following table relates to the whole county of Carmarthenshire. The separate figures for Cwmamman are not available.

	PRIMARY					Others to 16 years	Boosters
	Born 1970	Born 1969	Born 1968	Born 1967	Born 1963-1966		
Triple Antigen	849	509	47	18	28	7	808
Diphtheria/ Tetanus	5	7	1	1	11	6	474
Tetanus	1	1	2	1	14	93	172
Poliomyelitis	872	507	61	22	34	11	629
Measles	3	119	123	81	132	23	
Rubella						27	

Smallpox Vaccination (Whole Country)

Age at date of vaccination	Number vaccinated	Number re-vaccinated
Under 1 year	63	
Aged 1 year	847	
Aged 2 - 4 years	118	12
Aged 5 - 15 years	39	52

B. C. G. Vaccination (Whole Country)

	Contact Scheme	School children
No. skin tested	96	278
No. found negative	82	830
No vaccinated	84	193

MEALS ON WHEELS

During 1970 meals on wheels continued thanks to the good offices of volunteers, and to Mrs. L. Davies who expended much time and effort in organising the service.

The meals were cooked at the Amman Valley Hospital, but owing to structural alterations in the kitchen the preparation was transferred to the kitchen of Glanamman School, thanks to the kindness of the Education Committee and Mr. B. Price the Headmaster.

Two meals a week were delivered to twenty five persons except during the month of August. Throughout the year a total of 2,065 dinners were served, £94.48 of the cost being borne by this Council in the Financial Year 1970/71.

Of the recipients only one was under 70 years of age, 14 were between 70 and 80 years and eight were over 80 years old.

SECTION 47. NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

No action was required under this section, which enables persons in need of care and attention to be removed to suitable premises.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS - FACTORIES ACT 1961.

Part I of the Act.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health - 1969
(including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector.)

Premises	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	5	12		
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	2	5		
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises).				
TOTAL.	7	17		

2. Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Remedied	to H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness (S1)					
Overcrowding (S2)					
Unreasonable temperature (S3)					
Inadequate ventilation (S4)					
Ineffective drainage of floors (S6)					
Sanitary Conveniences (S7)					
(a) Insufficient.					
(b) Unsuitable or defective.					
(c) Not separate for sexes.					
Other offences against the Act (including offences <u>not</u> relating to outwork.					
TOTAL.	-	-	-	-	-

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

WATER SUPPLY.

As in the past, it was necessary to supplement the Authority's own sources of supply with bulk supply obtained from the Loughor Joint Water Board. Supplies were maintained to the urban district throughout the period under review, other than for a period of approximately ten hours when one district was without piped water, due to the bulk supply to the Glyndraenog reservoir ceasing. No adequate explanation has ever been forthcoming as to why this should have occurred. Supplies were maintained by means of tanker to the areas concerned, and I feel it should be said that in order to maintain supplies adequate for the district during this summer period, a great deal of time and attention had been given over to the sources of supply.

New chlorinators were fitted to the reservoir heads and renovation work was undertaken to the system at these points.

There were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory, sixteen bacteriological samples for examination, all of which were satisfactory.

DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE.

No major breakdowns occurred to the Local Authority's main drainage system. Furthermore, no serious troubles were experienced from surface water drainage. Additional properties were picked up by the system due mainly to the Jones' Terrace housing site.

REFUSE COLLECTION.

This service continued to be provided in an efficient manner, twice weekly collection being undertaken. No serious complaints were received with regard to the Authority's tipping site, this area being treated with spoil. Besides periodical spraying of the area to control fly nuisance, rodent eradication of the tipping site is also another regular feature. It is however becoming evident that the Authority will have to seek a new area for refuse disposal, as within the next year or two this site is due to become part of an opencast coal area.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF AREA.

Number of Inspections made for Nuisance	42
Number of Informal Notices served	10
Number of Statutory Notices served	4
Number of Water Leakage Inspections	300
Number of water leakage Notices	5

SPECIAL CLASSES OF PREMISES SUBJECT TO CONTROL OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

There are no common lodging houses in the area, nor are there any registered houses let in lodgings.

HOUSING.

1. (a) Inspection of houses during the year:-
Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects under Public health and Housing Act 33
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 20
2. Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 4
3. Number of houses found to be not in all respects fit for human habitation 15

Remedy of Defects during the year without service of formal notice.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit during the year in consequence of informal action by Local Authority of their Officers 10

Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

(a) Proceedings under Section 9, 10 and 12 of the Housing Act, 1957.

1. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied nil
2. Number of dwelling houses in which defects were made fit for service of formal notice nil

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Act.

1. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 4
2. Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice nil

(c) Proceedings under Section 17, 18, 23 and 24 of the Housing Act.

Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made nil

HOUSING ACT, 1957 - Part IV Overcrowding.

- (a)
 1. Number of houses overcrowded at the end of the year nil
 2. Number of families dwelling therein nil
 3. Number of persons dwelling therein nil
 4. Number of houses occupied for the first time in 1970..... nil
- (b)
 1. Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year nil
- (c)
 1. Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year.
 2. Number of families dwelling therein nil

CARAVAN SITES.

The two caravan sites within the urban area were subject to periodic inspection, and efforts were exerted to impress upon the respective owners to undertake work of improvement at the sites. Major improvements were in process of being undertaken at one site during the period.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

There are no licensed slaughterhouses in the area. No complaints were received during the period with regard to the fitness of the meat sold within the area, and a good relationship exists with the respective traders .

BAKEHOUSES.

Number of bakehouses in the area registered	2
Number of inspections made	8

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Number of houses fumigated after causes of infectious diseases	nil.
Number of houses fumigated upon request	9

CONTROL OF RATS AND MICE.

This service continued in operation with good results. Once again indiscriminate tipping of rubbish in the area was a source of attraction for rodents. No serious evidence was available of heavy sewer infestation.

As in previous years, the Authority was called upon to eradicate a number of bees and wasps' nests from premises in the area.

ANALYSIS OF FOOD PREMISES AND INSPECTIONS.

<u>Nature of Trade.</u>		<u>No. of inspections.</u>
Butchers shops.	4	10
Groceries and provisions.	10	30
General shops.	18	42
Milk retailers.	3	5
Ice Cream Premises.	7	21

No serious complaints were received from members of the public with regard to the food trade within the area.

